(c) and (d) When the outstanding began to increase, Modiluft was put on "'cash and carry", i.e. supplies against payment in advance. However, before BPCL could recover substantial amount, the Airlines stopped their operation. There are 4 court cases against Modiluft for recovery of outstanding amount in various courts and the present settlement proposal is as a consequence of pressure enforced on the Airline for settlement of the outstanding amount.

New LPG Distributors in Andhra Pradesh

3956. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the new LPG gas connections proposed to be given during this year;

(b) the number of new distributors proposed to be appointed in Andhra Pradesh during this year; and

(c) whether any priority would be given to disabled and ex-employees ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR): (a) Government have approved an enrolment plan of release of 1.3 crore new LPG (domestic) connections in the country during the calendar year 2001.

(b) Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies have planned to set up 334 new LPG distributorships under various Marketing Plans in Andhra Pradesh as on 1-7-2001.

(c) As per extant guidelines 8% of the distributorships are reserved for Defence Category (DC), 8% for Paramilitary/Pohce/Government Personnel (PMP) and 5% for Physically Handicapped persons (PH).

Utilisation of allocated funds

† 3957. SHRI BRATIN SENGUPTA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the expenditure earmarked for petroleum and natural gas during the Ninth Five Year Plan;

(b) the expenditure earmarked for private sector and public sector respectively, during the said period;

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.